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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH  
AND  
SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

1953

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SELBY:  
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## SELBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Vice-Chairman: Councillor H. Dixon.

## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Chairman: Councillor A. Barker, J.P.

Vice-Chairman: Councillor N. E. Reasbeck, J.P.

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Medical Officer of Health:

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

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Senior Sanitary Inspector:

WILKINSON LITTLE, M.S.I.A.

Cert. S.I. Board

Cert. Meat and Food Inspection R.S.I.

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Pupil Assistant:

ERIC K. PHILPOT

Cert. S.I. Board

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Clerk:

JOAN SMITH.

To the  
Chairman and Members of the Selby Urban District Council.  
Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my seventh Annual Report on the health of the Urban District and the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1953.

There were 167 live births registered, giving a Birth Rate of 16.5 per thousand population (Adjusted Birth Rate 17.1). This is a slight decrease but compares favourably with the aggregate County Rate for urban districts of 15.4 and the National Rate of 15.5.

The Crude Death Rate was 12.2 (Adjusted Death Rate 11.5), an improvement on 1952. The aggregate County Rate was 12.5 and the Rate for England and Wales 11.4. Births exceeded deaths by 43.

Eight infants died under the age of one year, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 47.9, and again prematurity and congenital defects were mainly responsible. The National Rate was 26.8, a new low record.

Infectious disease notifications at 57 were satisfactorily low. Although sporadic cases of scarlet fever in a mild form were troublesome no epidemic of any kind occurred. One case of acute poliomyelitis occurred. One case of suspected food poisoning was reported but all investigations proved negative and as hundreds more of the commodity were consumed by the public on the same day without ill effect the case may be dismissed as an idiosyncrasy.

It is gratifying to be able to report that there has been a marked diminution in the number of verminous heads among school children, only 94 being discovered during the year. As this is only about one-third of the number previously recorded it shows that this nuisance could be eliminated with due care and attention. Unfortunately there are a few families who seem to have parents quite incapable of keeping their children free from infestation, and who are quite indifferent to the trouble and anxiety they cause other parents.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to the Members and Officers of the Council for their assistance during 1953, and to the voluntary workers at the Clinic for their services.

I remain, Your obedient servant,  
S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,  
July, 1954. Medical Officer of Health.

## GENERAL STATISTICS, 1953.

Area of Urban District .... ....	3.883	acres
Population (mid 1953) .... ....	10,130	
Number of Inhabited Houses .... ....	3,196	
Rateable Value .... ....	£61,620	(Mar. 1954)
Product of Penny Rate ....	£232/16/2	(Mar. 1954)

## VITAL STATISTICS.

	SELBY U.D.	Aggre- gate West Riding U.D.s	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (Provi- sional)
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)	16.5	15.4	15.7	15.5
CRUDE DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population)				
All causes .... .... ....	12.2	12.5	11.6	11.4
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0	0.09	0.08	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis ....	0.10	0.17	0.16	0.18
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	0.10	0.02	0.02	0.02
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) ....	1.38	1.39	1.30	—
Cancer .... .... ....	1.69	1.99	1.88	1.99
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	5.03	4.63	4.26	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System .... .... ....	0.89	1.96	1.76	—
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	47.9	27.6	29.3	26.8
STILLBIRTHS	45.7	25.0	24.7	22.4
INFANT DIARRHOEA (Deaths under 2 years of age per 1,000 live births)	0	—	—	1.1
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in child- birth per 1,000 total births)	0	0.38	0.58	0.76

### Comparability Factors:

For Births, 1.04.      Adjusted Birth Rate, 17.1.  
 For Deaths, 0.94.      Adjusted Death Rate, 11.5.

## BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR TEN YEARS.

### BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)

1953 ....	16.5	1949 ....	16.0	1946 ....	21.3
1952 ....	17.7	1948 ....	16.6	1945 ....	15.2
1951 ....	16.1	1947 ....	22.4	1944 ....	21.1
1950 ....	15.8				

### STILLBIRTHS (per 1,000 total births)

1953 ....	45.7	1949 ....	29.2	1946 ....	31.3
1952 ....	53.2	1948 ....	22.5	1945 ....	19.6
1951 ....	18.1	1947 ....	12.9	1944 ....	39.4
1950 ....	18.1				

### ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS (per 1,000 total births)

1953 ....	28.6	1949 ....	39.3	1946 ....	54.1
1952 ....	37.4	1948 ....	39.0	1945 ....	45.7
1951 ....	18.1	1947 ....	60.1	1944 ....	79.8
1950 ....	24.2				

### TOTAL DEATH RATE (per 1,000 population)

1953 ....	12.2	1949 ....	13.8	1946 ....	10.6
1952 ....	13.1	1948 ....	11.9	1945 ....	14.0
1951 ....	15.0	1947 ....	12.6	1944 ....	12.5
1950 ....	14.3				

### INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES

1953 ....	0	1949 ....	0	1946 ....	0
1952 ....	0	1948 ....	0.10	1945 ....	0.20
1951 ....	0.10	1947 ....	0.10	1944 ....	0.09
1950 ....	0				

### PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

1953 ....	0.10	1949 ....	0.19	1946 ....	0.29
1952 ....	0.20	1948 ....	0.19	1945 ....	0.20
1951 ....	0.10	1947 ....	0.49	1944 ....	0.31
1950 ....	0.29				

## NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

1953	....	0.10						
1952	....	0.20	1949	....	0.19	1946	....	0.20
1951	....	0	1948	....	0.10	1945	....	0
1950	....	0	1947	....	0.10	1944	....	0

## RESPIRATORY DISEASES

1953	....	1.38						
1952	....	1.59	1949	....	1.73	1946	....	1.96
1951	....	2.77	1948	....	1.05	1945	....	2.42
1950	....	1.27	1947	....	1.46	1944	....	1.54

## CANCER

1953	....	1.69						
1952	....	1.59	1949	....	1.54	1946	....	1.96
1951	....	2.18	1948	....	2.10	1945	....	2.53
1950	....	2.34	1947	....	1.66	1944	....	1.65

## HEART AND CIRCULATORY DISEASES

1953	....	5.03						
1952	....	5.16	1949	....	3.18	1946	....	1.17
1951	....	5.93	1948	....	3.44	1945	....	2.53
1950	....	5.37	1947	....	2.34	1944	....	2.24

## INFANTILE MORTALITY

(per 1,000 live births)

1953	....	47.9						
1952	....	33.7	1949	....	72.3	1946	....	41.5
1951	....	30.7	1948	....	34.5	1945	....	46.7
1950	....	18.5	1947	....	52.2	1944	....	48.8

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

(per 1,000 total births)

1953	....	0						
1952	....	0	1949	....	0	1946	....	4.5
1951	....	0	1948	....	0	1945	....	0
1950	....	0	1947	....	0	1944	....	0

**BIRTHS, 1953.**

			Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—Legitimate	....	....	87	75	162
Illegitimate	....	....	2	3	5
			—	—	—
	Total	....	89	78	167
Stillbirths	....	....	5	3	8

**CAUSES OF DEATH, 1953.**

		Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	....	1	0	1
Tuberculosis (Other forms)	....	1	0	1
Cancer	....	6	11	17
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System		1	8	9
Heart Diseases	....	29	20	49
Other Diseases of circulatory system		1	1	2
Bronchitis	....	2	4	6
Pneumonia	....	2	1	3
Other respiratory diseases	....	3	2	5
Diabetes	....	0	1	1
Nephritis	....	1	0	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	....	0	0	0
All other accidents	....	2	1	3
Suicide	....	2	0	2
Congenital	....	0	2	2
Gastro-Enteritis	....	0	2	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	....	1	—	1
All other causes	....	6	13	19
		—	—	—
Total	....	58	66	124

**INFANTILE MORTALITY.****Causes of Death in Age Groups**

	Under 1 week	1 to 2 Weeks	2 to 3 Weeks	3 to 4 Weeks	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 9 Months	9 to 12 Months	TOTAL
Prematurity	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	3
Congenital	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Pneumonia	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	2
Debility	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
	4	1	1	....	....	2	....	....	8

**CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE  
notified during the year 1953.**

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	At all Ages.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED								CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS
		Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65			
Small-pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food Poisoning ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ...	27	...	5	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Typhus Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
,, non-paralytic ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Encephalitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	6	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	1	...
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Measles ...	10	...	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Primary Pneumonia ...	9	1	1	3	1	1	2	...	...	3	...
Influenzal Pneumonia ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Totals</b> ...	57	1	13	30	3	3	5	2	21	6	

**TUBERCULOSIS.  
New cases in 1953.**

		Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary ...	...	3	3	6
Non-Pulmonary ...	...	1	0	1
<b>Total</b> ...	...	4	3	7

**Total cases on Register.**

Pulmonary ...	...	33	18	51
Non-Pulmonary ...	...	5	12	17
<b>Total</b> ...	...	38	30	68

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951.**

A man, aged 81 years, was found to be aged and infirm and living in insanitary conditions and unable to devote to himself, and not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention. He was removed to an institution under the 1951 Act and a Court Order was secured later under the 1948 Act, section 47. Subsequently he gave an undertaking to remain voluntarily in the institution.

## **FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**

(Extract from separate report to the Director of Statistics of the Ministry of Labour on Form 572, 1953).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Owners Prosecuted
Factories with Mechanical Power	73	22	0	0
,, without Mechanical Power	0	0	0	0
Workplaces .... .... ....	0	0	0	0

### **Defects.**

Particulars	Defects Found	Defects Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Prosecutions instituted
Want of Cleanliness .... ...	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation .... ...	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable or defective .... .... ....	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

## WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY URBAN DISTRICT, 1953.

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The Public Health Nursing Staff in this Division no longer works according to County District boundaries. Most of the figures in the following summaries refer to Selby U.D., but in a few cases the figures are those for the Urban and Rural Districts combined, or for Division No. 10 as a whole.

### 1. BIRTHS.

Live Births	....	....	....	....	....	....	167
Stillbirths	....	....	....	....	....	....	8
Illegitimate	....	....	....	....	....	....	5
Males	....	....	....	....	....	....	94
Females	....	....	....	....	....	....	81

### 2. PREMATURE BABIES. Babies weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth.

		Living	Stillborn
(i) Born at home	....	....	6
(ii) Born in an institution	....	....	11
Total	....	—	—
		17	4

### 3. HEALTH VISITING (Selby U.D. and R.D.)

		First Visits	Other Visits	Total
Expectant Mothers	....	49	84	133
Children under 1	....	246	2078	2324
Children between 1 and 5	....	989	1304	2293
Other cases	....	—	824	824
Ineffective	....	—	—	—
Total	—	1284	4290	5574

### 4. CHILD WELFARE CLINICS.

- (a) Total number of children under 5 yrs. of age who first attended the Clinics during the year, and who at the date of their first attendance were:

under 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	92
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(b) Total number of children under 5 years of age who attended the Clinics during the year and who at the end of the year were:

(i) under 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	82
(ii) over 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	144

Number of Sessions held:

Selby Methodist School Room	....	....	....	50
Total Attendance	....	....	....	2040
Average per session	....	....	....	40.8

## 5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Attendances at Clinic (S.U.D and S.R.D.)	....	1107
Number attending Paediatric Consultant (at Goole)	....	2
Number attending Orthopaedic Surgeon (at Goole)	....	10
Number attending County Oculist	....	283
Number prescribed spectacles	....	53
Number attending Speech Therapy	....	7
Number inspected in School by School M.O.	....	620
Number inspected in School by School Nurse	....	4618
Number of verminous heads	....	94
Tests for mental defect, primary	....	3
Re-examinations	....	3
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	....	0
Recommended for Residential Schools	....	0
Attending Residential Schools	....	2
Recommended for Child Guidance	....	2

The following defects were found at medical inspections:

		Requiring treatment	For observation
Verminous heads	....	....	94
Skin	....	....	0
Vision	....	....	33
Other eye conditions	....	....	7
Hearing	....	....	0
Other ear defects	....	....	1
Nose and throat	....	....	28
Speech	....	....	6
Cervical glands	....	....	8
Heart and circulation	....	....	1
Lungs	....	....	0
Developmental	....	....	3
Orthopaedic	....	....	20
Nervous system	....	....	0
Psychological	....	....	4
Other conditions	....	....	4

## 6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

### **Ante-natal Clinics:**

Number of patients attending	....	....	....	174
Total number of attendances	....	....	....	648
Number of sessions held	....	....	....	47
Average attendance per session	....	....	....	13.8

### **Mothers Confined in Hospital:**

Malton Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	4
Leeds Hospitals	....	....	....	....	11
York Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	40
Hazlewood Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	34
Wakefield Hospitals	....	....	....	....	1
Other	....	....	....	....	1
					—
				Total	91

### **County Midwives.**

There were 76 domiciliary confinements in Selby Urban District in 1953.

The following summary of the work of the County Midwives is for Division 10 as a whole:—

Number of Cases	....	....	422
Number of Visits	....	....	5279
Gas and air analgesia	....	....	314
Number of midwives	....	....	11

## 7. HOME NURSING.

Number of Cases	....	....	111
Number of Visits	....	....	3496

## 8. HOME HELPS.

There were 4 part-time Home Helps employed during the year and they attended the following cases:

Expectant Mothers and Lying-in	38
Illness	....
Aged and Ill	6

## 9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Immunised during 1953.	Children under 5 years	135
	Children over 5 years	14
		—
		149
	Refresher Dose ....	300
		—
		Total 449

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1953:

Age—Years	0—1	1—4	5—9	10—14	Under 15 Total
Number ....	12	442	1035	777	2266
Percentage ....	57.7		100		93.8

## 10. IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH.

Under 6 months	....	....	....	....	....	0
6 months to 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	27
1 to 2 years	....	....	....	....	....	19
2 to 3 years	....	....	....	....	....	4
3 to 4 years	....	....	....	....	....	1
						—
						51

## 11. MENTAL HEALTH.

The number of mentally defective persons under supervision at the end of 1953 was as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Under Guardianship ....	1	0	1
Under Statutory Supervision ....	7	2	9
Under Voluntary Supervision ....	0	0	0
On Licence from Institutions ....	0	4	4

## 12. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The following are the details of patients from Division No. 10 carried by the W.R.C.C. ambulances during 1953:

	Selby	Goole
Maternity cases ....	117	169
Accident cases ....	150	203
Other cases ....	5040	12508
Journeys made ....	2031	3383
Total patients carried ....	5307	12880
Mileage travelled ....	72911	96351

## PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10.

The County Districts forming Division No. 10 are:—

Goole Borough	Selby Urban
Goole Rural	Selby Rural
Area of the Division (in acres)	.... .... 76,692
Population (estimated mid-1953)	.... .... 45,317

### **Divisional Staff:**

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer:

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Assistant County Medical Officers and School Medical Officers:

EILEEN M. R. BELL-SYER, M.B., B.S.

MURIEL J. LOWE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

School Dental Officers:

P. F. A. ELTOME, L.D.S.

G. O. WOOD, L.D.S. (Divisions 10 and 9)

Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Miss M. BRIGGS, Miss D. M. BUTLER, Miss J. DAVIS, Mrs. M. HARGREAVES, Mrs. M. KELLY, Mrs. L. PRATT, Miss A. RIDSDALE, Miss F. WELFORD.

Home Nurses:

Miss P. K. AGER, Mrs. A. BLACKBURN, Mrs. S. CLAYBOURN  
Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN, Mrs. L. A. POLLARD, Miss J. POWELL,  
Miss M. WHITTAKER.

Domiciliary Midwives:

Mrs. E. BALLANCE, Miss I. CAMPBELL, Mrs. M. COLLIER,  
Miss M. GILHOME, Mrs. M. E. HORNSHAW, Miss H. A.  
HOUGHTON, Mrs. L. KITCHEN, Miss M. KNIVETON, Miss  
M. ROBINSON, Miss A. TOLSON, Miss E. WHITLEY.

Mental Health:

Miss E. T. SIMONS (Social Worker, Divisions 10 and 12)  
Miss C. N. LENG (Home Teacher, Divisions 10 and 9)

Physiotherapy:

Miss E. ALDERSON (Part-time).

Speech Therapy:

Mrs. N. HEPWORTH (Divisions 10, 11 and 12).

Duly Authorised Officer:

Mr. T. G. FOSTER.

Clerical:

Senior Clerk: Mr. R. TOWELL.

Miss S. L. BRAMHAM, Miss F. A. CAMPBELL, Mr. H. DOD-  
SON, Mr. G. N. NOWILL, Miss B. REED, Miss J. E. SMAJE,  
Miss M. E. WORMALD.

## CLINICS.

The following Child Welfare, Maternity, School Health Service and Specialists' Clinics are now held in the Methodist Sunday School, Selby:

Monday 10-12: School Clinic	....	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer. Miss J. Davis.
Monday 2-4: Ante-Natal Clinic	....	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer. Miss A. Ridsdale. Miss J. Davis.
Tuesday 2.30-4: Remedial Exercises	....	Miss E. M. Alderson (Physiotherapist)
Tuesday 2-4: Mental Health	....	Miss C. N. Leng.
Wednesday 2-4: Relaxation and Mothercraft	....	Midwives.
Wednesday 2-4: Speech Therapy .... (in the Hawdon Institute)	....	Mrs. N. Hepworth.
Friday 10-12: Minor Ailments	....	Miss A. Ridsdale. Miss J. Davis.
Friday 2-4: Child Welfare ....	....	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer. Miss A. Ridsdale. Miss J. Davis.

The School Oculist holds eye-testing sessions 3 times a month either at Goole or Selby.

The Children's Specialist and Orthopaedic Surgeon have a monthly session in Goole which is available to the children of Selby. Sun-ray treatment is also available at Goole.

## SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

### Inspection Work, 1953.

Inspections (including re-inspections of dwellinghouses)		979
Housing Acts on complaints, etc. ....	....	424
Visits in connection with letting of houses	....	180
Council Houses inspected	....	40
Visits in connection with Infectious Disease	....	42
Factories inspected	....	22
Licensed Premises	....	12
Inspection of Milk Shops and Dairies	....	43
Street work in connection with Milk and Dairies		
Acts and Orders	....	43
Inspection of Food	....	200
Premises used for the preparation and sale of food	....	326
Pigstyes and premises used for keeping of animals	....	11
Tents, Vans and Sheds	....	10
Water Samples taken	....	11
Water Supply, Inspection	....	14
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, Visits	....	1002
Drains inspected	....	75
Cinemas, Visits	....	25
Other visits, unclassified, interviews, no access, miscellaneous	....	653
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	Total Number of Visits	4112
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Housing Applicants interviewed in Health Department 1006

During the year, 47 notices were served under the Public Health and Housing Acts, of which number 43 were complied with.

Details of Sanitary Improvements effected as a result of inspections made and notices issued under Public Health and Housing Acts:—

#### Dwelling Houses

Roofs repaired and made weatherproof	....	98
Rainwater gutters repaired or renewed	....	27
Rainwater downspouts repaired or renewed	....	7
External walls repaired	....	28
Fireranges and firegrates repaired or renewed	....	17
Walls plaster repaired	....	45
Ceiling plaster repaired	....	20
Floors repaired	....	33
Window frames repaired	....	21
Doors repaired or renewed	....	5
Paving of Yards repaired	....	11

### Water Closets

Roofs repaired	....	....	....	....	....	27
Basins renewed	....	....	....	....	....	11
Flushing apparatus repaired		....	....	....	....	7
Seats repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	8

### Drainage

Defective drains repaired	....	....	....	....	19
Choked drains cleansed	....	....	....	....	193

### Storage of Refuse

Defective dustbins renewed	....	....	....	....	88
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### Cinemas.

No complaints were received during the year and they were generally well kept.

Periodical inspections were carried out, all defects found were reported to the respective managers and remedied without service of formal notices.

### Inspection of Food.

Total found unfit—15 cwts. 3 qrs. 5 lbs. Details as follows:

Pork (Carcase Meat)	....	....	363	lbs.
Bottled Foods	....	....	57	lbs.
Tinned Foods	....	....	1067	lbs.
Packeted Foods	....	....	37	lbs.
Other Foods	....	....	244	lbs.

An appreciable amount of this food is used for animal feeding; the remainder, too decomposed, is burned in the Baths furnace.

### Clean Food.

It is very gratifying in these days to note that dogs are rarely seen in food shops. This is, at least, one step in the right direction. When one reads, however, of cases appearing before the magistrates due to cigarette ends having been found in food sold to the public, one wonders if the cigarette is replacing the dog as a threat to clean food.

The public read these articles and can, of course, do a lot. One refusal to buy from a shop which is not clean and in which such habits are prevailing could do more good than half-a-dozen inspections by sanitary inspectors. In these matters a good deal depends on the outlook of the personnel who actually handle the food.

Managers cannot be always watching, nor can inspectors be for ever inspecting; there are other duties to be attended to. Those responsible for the methods employed in the different food trades should stress the importance of a high standard of cleanliness in all aspects of the business carried out. The co-operation of the traders has been good as a result of which various improvements have been carried out, particularly, and most important, the provision of constant hot water together with soap and towels for use of those handling food.

### **Licensed Premises.**

There are 27 in the town. Slowly, but surely, improvements are being carried out and I hope soon to see every licensed house properly equipped with up-to-date sanitary conveniences and glass-washing facilities.

### **Rats and Mice Destruction, 1953.**

Number of visits and re-visits	....	....	....	1002
Number of complaints received	....	....	....	29

During the year a new poison called Warfarin was introduced. With this substance the rats and mice seem to prefer to die under cover, therefore it is difficult to assess the kill. Nevertheless, a goodly number of premises were cleared. Warfarin is not used on places like the refuse tips. The poison Zinc Phosphide is used and with this substance a good number of the rats are found dead in the open. Altogether 109 rat bodies were found on the tips, and if we apply the Ministry's formula (for every one body found six undiscovered) the kill would be approximately 654.

Thanks to the efforts of the Surveyor and his staff the tips are now kept in much better order which makes the work of the rodent operative much easier.

### **Rat Infestation of Sewers.**

As in previous years the sewers were treated twice. First a 10% baiting test in the inspection chambers to determine which sections, if any, were rat infested. Where infestation was found, poisoning with Zinc Phosphide was resorted to. The very good takes of poison would seem to indicate that a large number of rats were killed.

## Water Supply.

All houses are provided with piped water from the Council's deep wells at Brayton. During the year one chemical and ten bacteriological samples were taken and analysed. All were satisfactory.

### Chemical Analysis of the Water Supply.

	10th December, 1953					
Colour	....	....	....	....	....	Colourless
Appearance	....	....	....	....	....	Clear
Taste	....	....	....	....	....	Normal
Smell	....	....	....	....	....	None
Reaction pH	....	....	....	....	....	7.9
						Parts per million
Free Carbon Dioxide as CO <sub>2</sub>	....	....	....	....	....	None
Ammoniacal Nitrogen as N	....	....	....	....	....	0.016
Albuminoid Nitrogen as N	....	....	....	....	....	0.006
Nitrous Nitrogen as N	....	....	....	....	....	None
Poisonous Metals (Lead, etc.)	....	....	....	....	....	None
Hardness (Soap test) as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	....	....	....	....	....	220
						Temporary
					....	96
					....	Permanent
					....	124
Permanganate figure as O	....	....	....	....	....	0.146
Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	....	....	....	....	....	130
Plumbo Solvency	....	....	....	....	....	None
Chloride as Cl	....	....	....	....	....	21

## HOUSING ACTS.

Herewith find particulars of condemned properties:—  
The following Tables show the amount of work which has  
been accomplished under the Housing Acts since 1912.

### **Clearance Areas.**

Situation	Number of Houses		
	Demolished or to be Demolished	Provided	No. of Persons Displaced
1. Clarkson's Yard ....	7	7	41
2. Cape's Yard ....	3	3	9
3. St. James' Place ....	9	8	36
4. Ladysmith Yard ....	18	8	37
5. Lee's Yard ....	5	5	19
6. Abbey Yard ....	6	6	19
7. Addinal's Yard ....	2	1	2
8. Ouse Court ....	7	6	19
9. Massey Street ....	5	5	13
10. Lee's Terrace ....	7	5	21
11. Pitt's Yard ....	8	5	21
12. Underwood's Yard ....	8	7	22
13. Middleton's Yard ....	5	5	16
14. Adams' Court ....	5	5	18
15. Ocean Terrace ....	11	11	37
16. Swift's Yard ....	4	4	11
17. Banks' Yard ....	5	5	13
18. Flaxley Road ....	2	2	7
19. Dam Bank ....	4	4	14
20. Burton's Yard ....	4	4	15
21. Chapel Yard ....	4	4	15
22. Bulmer's Yard ....	4	4	18
23. Waddington Place ....	2	2	9
24. Wren Lane ....	3	2	8
25. Water Lane ....	5	3	8
26. Ullathorne's Yard ....	5	3	27
27. Kay's Terrace ....	4	3	12
28. Midge Yard ....	2	2	5
29. Malt Kiln Yard ....	4	4	12
30. Simpson's Yard ....	3	3	5
31. Varley's Yard ....	2	2	5
32. Lock Hill ....	2	2	6
33. Dobson's Row ....	7	7	26
34. Park Row ....	10	10	30
35. Varley's Yard ....	2	2	4
36. Adam's Square ....	3	3	9
37. Brickyard Cottages ....	6	6	17

Situation	Number of Houses			No. of Persons Displaced
	Demolished or to be Demolished	Provided		
38. Church Lane ....	.... 4	4		14
39. Shipyard ....	.... 2	2		7
40. Shipyard ....	.... 3	3		8
41. Simpson's Yard ....	.... 2	2		6
42. Flaxley Road ....	.... 4	4		10
43. Millgate ....	.... 4	4		15
44. Otty's Yard ....	.... 4	4		11
45. Turner's Square ....	.... 6	6		14
46. East Common ....	.... 2	2		5
47. Addinal's Yard ....	.... 4	4		16
48. New Lane ....	.... 3	3		9
49. Millgate ....	.... 2	2		5

### Individual Unfit Houses.

Situation	Demolished or to be Demolished	Undertaking Accepted	Houses Provided	Pop.
Smith's Yard ....	2	0	2	11
Gowthorpe ....	2	0	2	7
Brewery Yard ....	2	0	1	4
Riley's Yard ....	1	0	1	5
Lee's Yard ....	0	1	1	2
Leaper's Yard ....	0	1	1	4
Gowthorpe ....	0	1	0	0
Hope Yard ....	1	0	1	7
Prospect Place ....	0	2	1	1
Hodgson's Yard ....	0	1	1	4
Church Lane ....	2	0	2	9
26 Bondgate ....	1	0	1	9
76 & 78 Flaxley Road	2	0	2	6
14 Millgate ....	0	1	1	7
35 New Lane ....	0	1	0	0
126 Ousegate ....	0	1	0	0
11 and 12 Park Row	0	2	1	4
6 Prospect Place ....	0	1	1	3
13 Wren Lane ....	1	0	1	6
4 Pitt's Yard ....	0	1	1	2
16 Abbey Yard ....	1	0	0	0
14 Abbey Yard ....	1	0	0	7
15 Abbey Yard ....	1	0	0	0
34 Flaxley Road ....	0	1	0	2
90 Gowthorpe ....	1	0	0	0
2 Hope Yard ....	0	1	0	5
8 Preston's Yard ....	1	0	0	1

1 Preston's Yard ....	1	0	0	6
1 Midge Yard ....	1	0	0	3
7 Addinal's Yard ....	1	0	0	2
6 Addinal's Yard ....	1	0	0	3
17 Water Lane ....	1	0	0	4
15 Water Lane ....	1	0	0	6
3 Beaufort Place ....	1	0	0	2
Brickyard Cottage	0	1	0	1
*3 Hutchinson Yard	0	1	0	3
*4 Hutchinson Yard	0	1	0	2
*19 Westfield ....	0	0	0	7

**Since 1939.**

85 and 87 Gowthorpe	2	0	1	4
2 Church Lane ....	0	1	1	3
4 Church Lane ....	0	1	1	4
69a Wide Street ....	0	1	1	12
1 New Lane ....	0	1	1	7
3 New Lane ....	0	1	1	5
65 Wide Street ....	0	1	1	4
1 Haigh's Yard ....	0	1	0	0
2 Haigh's Yard ....	0	1	1	3
10 Shipyard ....	0	1	1	5
8 Market Lane ....	0	1	1	7
2 Market Lane ....	0	1	1	4
4 Market Lane ....	0	1	1	2
6 Market Lane ....	0	1	1	3
Cottage, Liversidge Sidings ....	0	1	1	3
8 Wren Lane ....	1	1	1	10
56a Micklegate ....	0	1	1	3
18 New Lane ....	0	1	1	3
12 Maltkiln Yard	0	1	1	3
1 Eastman's Flats	0	1	1	4
2 Eastman's Flats	0	1	1	3
Parvin's Yard ....	0	1	1	4
10, 12, 14 Market Lane	0	3	3	5
3 Haigh's Yard ....	0	1	1	4

\* Undertakings given to make houses fit for human habitation.

**Staff.**

I am pleased to say that Mr. Philpot and Miss Smith carried out their duties in a courteous and efficient manner, very often in most trying circumstances. I take this opportunity to thank them for their willing service.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

WILKINSON LITTLE.

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

